(b) whether P&T SC/ST Employees Welfare Association having representation of about 22 1/2 per cent of total employees, has been given recognition in Department of Posts and Telecom, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the facilities extended to the representatives of Association to represent the cases of SC/ST employees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Departments of Posts and Telecom, follow the rules and instructions framed by the Deptt. of Personnel & Training in the matter of recognition to service Unions/Associations.

(b) No, Sir. The P&T SC/ST employees Welfare Association could not be recognised by the Departments of Posts & Telecom as it did not satisfy the norms and conditions.

(c) Does not arise.

Bus Terminal at Vasant Vihar

469. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the site for commissioning a bus terminal at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi has been identified;

(b) if so, by when the bus terminal is likely to be commissioned;

(c) what progress has so far been made in the matter; and

(d) what further steps are being taken for commissioning the same at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) At present DTC has no proposal for commissioning a bus terminal at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Regularisation of daily wages wiremen working in MTNL, New Delhi

470. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are wiremen working on daily wages in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, New Delhi having service of five to thirteen years who have not been regularised till today, if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) the number of such candidates and number of SC/ST therein;

(c) by when these employees are likely to be regularisd on the post of wiremen; and

(d) whether Government propose to evolve any time bound scheme to regularise SC/ST candidates and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. There are 123 daily wage mazdoors working as wiremen in MTNL, New Delhi. All of them have however, been given temporary status, under which a number of benefits as given in statement are admissible to them.

(b) There are 27 SC/ST persons under this category.

(c) There being no regular vacancies in the cadre of wireman, no time limit for regularisation of these employees can be fixed. However, temporary status has already been granted to them as stated above.

(d) There is no proposal at present to regularise the temporary status SC/ST wiremen in a specific time frame. They will be regularised as and when the vacancies become available.

Statement

Benefits admissible to temporary status persons working as Mazdoors/Wiremen

Temporary status would entitle the casual labourers to the following benefits:

(i) Wages at daily rates with reference to the minimum of the pay scale

for a regular grade 'D' official including DA. HRA and CCA.

(ii) Benefits in respect of increments in pay scale will be admissible for every one year of service subject to performance of duty for at least 240 days (206 days in administrative offices observing 5 day week) in the year.

(iii) Leave entitlement will be on a pro-rata basis, one day for every 10 days of work. Casual leave or any other kind of leave will not be admissible. They will also be allowed to carry forward the leave at their credit on their regularisation. They will not be entitled to the bedefit of encashment of leave on termination of services for any reason or their quitting service.

(iv) Counting of 50 per cent of service rendered under Temporary Status for the purpose of retirement benefits after their regularisation.

(v) After rendering three years continuous service on attainment of temporary status, the casual labourers would be treated on a par with temporary Grade 'D' employees for the purpose of contribution to General Provident Fund, and would also further be eligible for the grant of Festival advance/ Flood advance on the same conditions as are applicable to temporary Grade 'D' employees, provided they furnish two sureties from permanent Government servants of this Department.

(vi) Untill they are regularised, they would be entitled to Productivity Linked Bonus only at rates as applicable to casual labour.

Improvement of National Highways passing through Bihar

471. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposal to improve National Highways passing through Bihar during the current year; and

(b) the amount of money proposed to be spent thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Development of National Highways is a continuous process and improvement works are taken up keeping in view the existing condition of Nationl Highways, traffic intensity, *interse* priority on all Iddia basis and availability of funds. The Annual Plan 1991-92 for improvement and development of National Highways passing through Bihar is for Rs. 58 crores (details given in statement). However, actual sanction of projects will resources etc.

(b) A sum of Rs. 11 crores is tentatively proposed to be spent for Road and Bridge works on National Highways in Bihar during 1991-92.

Statement

NH No.	Name of work	Length in Kms.	Estimated cost in (Rs. Crore)
1			2
	A *High Traffic Volume Group*		
2	U.P. border-Barhi-West Bengal Section		
	(a) Widening to 4-lanes (including Bridges)		
	(i) Km 399—441·42, BarAadda-West Bengal Bihar Boarder Section.	42·42	44·00
	(ii) Sasaram Bazar Portion	4	1.70
	TOTAL 'A'		41.70